

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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Service

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned Fruit, Vegetables, and Beans, and Fresh Apples

Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned fruit, vegetables, and beans and fresh apples for distribution to the Disaster Feeding Program, the Child Nutrition Program and the Needy Family Program according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of September 16, 2005 through October 15, 2005.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

FY-2005

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S.	NO.
	SIZE	GRADE	CASES
Canned Green Beans	24/#300	B	4,860
Canned Green Beans	6/#10	B	43,776
Canned Carrots	6/#10	A	13,680
Canned Whole Kernel Corn, Liquid	6/#10	B	31,008
Canned Whole Kernel Corn	24/#300	B	18,360
Canned Peas	6/#10	B	25,536
Canned Peas	24/#300	B	11,340
Canned Sweet Potatoes	6/#10	A	15,504
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	24/#300	Per C.I.D.	1,620
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	6/#10	Per C.I.D.	33,320
Canned Clingstone Peaches, Sliced	6/#10	B	11,856
Canned Pears, Diced	6/#10	B	8,208
Canned Mixed Fruit	6/#10	B	66,576
Canned Apples Slices	24/#300	A	28,272
Canned Apple Sauce	24/#300	A	23,712
Canned Apple Sauce	6/#10	A	21,060
Canned Blackeye Beans	6/#10	A	22,950
Fresh Apples	37-40 lb.	Fancy	9,240

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.